



13 September 2024

Brendon

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Dear Brendon

Thank you for your email to Inland Revenue on 8 September 2024 requesting the following information (numbered for ease of response):

- 1. Can you please advise how much public money Collected from Taxes goes into funding Members Of Parliament including the Prime Minister and his office Held in New Zealand, it will be interesting to know this As the current cost of living rises and the unemployment rate is also rising,*
- 2. Can you also advise the amount of hardship application withdrawals during the national led government 2023 to 2024.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Funding of Members of Parliament including Prime Minister

We have determined that part one of the information requested is not held by Inland Revenue but is believed to be more closely related to the functions of Parliamentary Service and Ministerial Services under the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). Accordingly, under section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA, I have partially transferred your request to Parliamentary Service and Ministerial Services (DIA).

You may expect a response from Parliamentary Service and Ministerial Services (DIA) directly concerning this part of your request.

Hardship application withdrawals

Regarding part two of your request, as it is currently worded, it is very broad in nature and scope and lacks due particularity. In the hope that we may be able to avoid refusing this subpart of your request, and so that we are able to reasonably identify what information is being requested, we would like to invite you to clarify your request.

We have identified the following information which may assist you in clarifying and/or refining your request:

- If you are interested in information related to KiwiSaver withdrawals, please note that regularly updated KiwiSaver statistics datasets are available on Inland Revenue's website at <https://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/tax-statistics/kiwisaver/datasets>

I look forward to hearing from you. Once we receive your clarification, we will commence work on part two of your request. Please note that in line with section 15(1AA) of the Act, if a request is amended or clarified after the date on which it is received, Inland Revenue may treat the amended or clarified request as a new request that replaces the original request, and the timeframe for responding to your request may be reset.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Allen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas Allen

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